

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims and all prior listings of the claims in the present application.

1. (withdrawn—currently amended) A multiple modulus selector<sub>1</sub> comprising:  
a modulus recoder for receiving a n-bit modulus number M and a previous sum and  $[[a]]$  current partial product<sub>1</sub> and for producing a selection signal; and  
a multiplexer for receiving four inputs -M, 0, M, and  $2M_1$  and for selecting one of the inputs based on the selection signal.
2. (withdrawn) The multiple modulus selector of claim 1, wherein the input -M is obtained by inverting the modulus number M.
3. (withdrawn) The multiple modulus selector of claim 1, wherein the input 2M is obtained by shifting the modulus number M.
4. (withdrawn) The multiple modulus selector of claim 1, wherein the modulus number M is stored in a register.
5. (withdrawn—currently amended) The multiple modulus selector of claim 1, wherein the modulus recoder further produces a multiple modulus negation indicating signal  $NEG\_MM$ , and  
wherein the multiple modulus negation indicating signal is input to an accumulator.

6. (withdrawn—currently amended) The multiple modulus selector of claim 1, wherein the n-bit modulus number M includes a next-least-significant bit,  $M[1]$  and

wherein the previous sum and current partial product is a two-bit number, including a least-significant bit  $SPP_i[0]$  and a next-least-significant bit  $SPP_i[1]$ .

7. (withdrawn—currently amended) The multiple modulus selector of claim 1, wherein the selection signal includes two bits  $SEL\_MM[1:0]$ .

8. (currently amended) An accumulator for accelerating speed of a Montgomery modular multiplier, for reducing power consumption of a Montgomery modular multiplier, or for accelerating the speed of and reducing the power consumption of a Montgomery modular multiplier, the accumulator comprising:

a plurality of compressors ~~for operating~~ adapted to operate in a carry save mode, each of the ~~plurality of~~ compressors receiving a multiple modulus, a partial product, a corresponding current sum, and a corresponding current carry, and ~~producing~~ adapted to produce a corresponding next sum and a corresponding next carry;

a sum register ~~for receiving~~ adapted to receive the corresponding next sum from ~~each of the plurality of~~ respective compressors, and adapted to output[[s]] a corresponding updated current sum; and

a carry register ~~for receiving~~ adapted to receive the corresponding next carry from ~~each of the plurality of~~ the respective compressors, and adapted to output[[s]] a corresponding updated current carry.

9. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein the sum register and the carry register are separate registers.

10. (original) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein the multiple modulus is produced from a modulus.

11. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 10, wherein  $n$  is the bit length of the modulus, and  
wherein the plurality of compressors include  $n+3$  compressors.

12. (original) The accumulator of claim 11, wherein the modulus is stored in an  $n$ -bit register.

13. (original) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein the partial product is produced from a multiplicand and a multiplier.

14. (original) The accumulator of claim 13, wherein  $n+1$  is the bit length of the multiplicand.

15. (original) The accumulator of claim 14, wherein the multiplicand is stored in an  $(n+1)$ -bit register.

16. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 13, wherein if  $n$  is even, then  $n+2$  is the bit length of the multiplier, and

wherein if  $n$  is odd, then  $n+1$  is the bit length of the multiplier.

17. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 16, wherein if  $n$  is even, the multiplier is stored in an  $(n+2)$ -bit register, and

wherein if  $n$  is odd, the multiplier is stored in an  $(n+1)$ -bit register.

18. (original) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein each of the plurality of compressors is a 5:2 compressor.

19. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein a first group of the plurality of compressors further receives ~~receiving~~ a compensating word to produce the corresponding next sum and the corresponding next carry.

20. (original) The accumulator of claim 19, wherein the first group of the plurality of compressors are full compressors.

21. (original) The accumulator of claim 19, wherein a second group of the plurality of compressors does not receive the compensating word.

22. (original) The accumulator of claim 21, wherein the second group of the plurality of compressors are reduced compressors.

23. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein n+2 is the bit length [[each]] of the partial product<sub>i</sub> and

wherein n+2 is the bit length of the multiple modulus ~~are n+2 bits~~.

24. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 19, wherein 2 is the bit length of the compensating word ~~is 2 bits~~.

25. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 20 [[19]], wherein the full compressors include ~~is composed of~~ three full adders.

26. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 22, wherein the reduced compressors include ~~is composed of~~ one half adder and two full adders.

27. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 8, further comprising:  
a carry propagate adder for receiving a finally updated current sum and a finally updated current carry, and for outputting ~~outputs~~ a final sum in normal number representation; and  
a final register for storing the final sum.

28. (original) The accumulator of claim 8, wherein the plurality of compressors operate in both the carry save mode and a carry propagate mode.

29. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 28 ~~[[9]]~~, wherein the carry save mode and the carry propagate mode are determined by a control signal.

30. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 28, wherein a first group of the plurality of compressors further receives ~~receiving~~ a compensating word to produce the corresponding next sum and the corresponding next carry.

31. (original) The accumulator of claim 30, wherein the first group of the plurality of compressors are full compressors.

32. (original) The accumulator of claim 30, wherein a second group of the plurality of compressors does not receive the compensating word.

33. (original) The accumulator of claim 32, wherein the second group of the plurality of compressors are reduced reconfigurable compressors.

34. (original) The accumulator of claim 33, wherein each of the reduced reconfigurable compressors includes:

a multiplexer group for reconfiguring each of the reduced reconfigurable compressors to operate in both the carry save mode and the carry propagate mode.

35. (original) The accumulator of claim 34, wherein each multiplexer group includes three 2:1 multiplexers.

36. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 33, wherein each of the reduced reconfigurable compressors includes:

a multiplexer group that ~~[[which]]~~ reconfigures the reduced reconfigurable compressor to operate in either the carry save mode or the carry propagate mode according to a ~~[[the]]~~ control signal.

37. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 36, wherein the carry save mode includes:

a first signal flowing from a middle full adder of a current compressor to a bottom full adder of the current compressor~~[[,]]~~;

a second signal flowing from ~~[[ - ]]~~ a top adder of ~~[[ - ]]~~ a lower compressor to the bottom full adder of the current compressor~~[[,]]~~; and

a third signal flowing from a middle full adder of the lower compressor to the bottom full adder of the current compressor.

38. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 36, wherein the carry propagate mode includes:

a first signal flowing from a bottom full adder of a lower compressor to the multiplexer group of a higher compressor; and

a second signal flowing from the multiplexer group of the higher compressor to a bottom full adder of the higher compressor.

39. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 33, wherein each of the reduced reconfigurable compressors includes:

a multiplexer group for receiving a sum of a middle full adder of a a ~~[[the]]~~ current compressor, a corresponding updated current carry of a lower compressor, a first and second secondary output of the lower compressor, ~~[[the]]~~ a corresponding updated current sum of the current compressor, and the corresponding next carry of the lower compressor, and for outputting first through third outputs.

40. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 31, wherein the full compressors include ~~is composed of~~ three full adders.

41. (currently amended) The accumulator of claim 33, wherein the reduced reconfigurable compressors include ~~is composed of~~ one half adder, two full adders, and three 2:1 multiplexers.

42. (withdrawn—currently amended) A Montgomery multiplier, comprising:  
a multiple modulus selector, wherein the selector selects a multiple modulus from one of -M, 0, M, and 2M, where M is an n-bit modulus number;  
a Booth ~~[[booth]]~~ recoder, wherein the Booth ~~[[booth]]~~ recoder provides first values used to obtain a partial product value; and  
an accumulator, wherein the accumulator accumulates second values obtaining a result for the Montgomery multiplier.



43. (withdrawn—currently amended) The Montgomery multiplier of claim 42, further comprising:

a modulus number register, wherein the modulus number register holds a modulus value;  
a multiplicand register, wherein the multiplicand register holds a multiplicand value;  
a multiplier register, wherein the multiplier register holds a multiplier value;  
an AND gate, where the AND gate combines two values derived from the multiplicand value and the multiplier value; and

two adders[[],];

wherein the adders combine values from the accumulator and the AND gate to produce ~~producing~~ a combined value, and

wherein the multiple modulus selector inputs the combined value.

44. (withdrawn—currently amended) A method of multiple modulus generation, comprising:

receiving a modulus;

receiving a previous sum and  $[[a]]$  current partial product, wherein the modulus and the previous sum and  $[[a]]$  current partial product are used to produce multiple modulus values of  $-M$ ,  $0$ ,  $M$ , and  $2M$ .

45. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 44, further comprising:

receiving only a portion of the modulus, the portion being the second-least-significant bit of the modulus.

46. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 44, further comprising:  
receiving only a portion of the previous sum and  $[[a]]$  current partial product, the portion  
being the two least-significant bits of the previous sum and  $[[a]]$  current partial product.

47. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 44, further producing:  
a selection signal $[[,]]$ ;  
wherein the selection signal is used to select a value of the produced multiple modulus  
values.

48. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 47, further producing:  
a multiple modulus negation indicating signal $[[,]]$ ;  
wherein the multiple modulus negation indicating signal is used to produce a complement  
of the selected value.

49. (withdrawn—currently amended) A method of partial product generation,  
comprising:  
receiving a multiplier number; and  
generating a partial product selection signal, a partial product enabling signal, and a  
partial product negation indicating signal to produce at least one partial product value.

50. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 49, further comprising:  
shifting the multiplier number by two bits.

51. (currently amended) A method of accumulating for accelerating speed of a Montgomery modular multiplier, for reducing power consumption of a Montgomery modular multiplier, or for accelerating the speed of and reducing the power consumption of a Montgomery modular multiplier, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of multiple moduli ~~modulus~~, partial products, corresponding current sums, and corresponding current carries ~~for producing~~ to produce a corresponding next sum and next carry;

generating updated current sums and updated current carries;

iterating the receiving and the generating ~~[[steps]]~~ until a multiplier operand is consumed to generate a result in redundant representation; and

performing carry propagation addition to generate a result in normal representation.

52. (currently amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the ~~step of~~ iterating is carry save addition performed by a carry save adder.

53. (currently amended) The method of claim 51, wherein the ~~step of performing~~ is carry propagation addition is performed by a carry propagation adder.

54. (currently amended) The method of claim 53, further comprising: ~~the step of~~ generating a switching signal.

55. (currently amended) The method of claim 54, further comprising:

switching between carry save addition and the carry propagation addition using the switching signal.

56. (withdrawn—currently amended) A method of performing radix  $2^N$  Montgomery multiplication, where  $N > 1$ , comprising[[;]];:

receiving a multiplicand, a modulus, and a multiplier;

performing carry save addition on a plurality of inputs related to the multiplicand, modulus, and multiplier to generate a result in redundant representation; and

performing carry propagation addition to generate a result in normal representation.

57. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 56, wherein the carry save addition is performed by a carry save adder, and

wherein the carry propagation addition is performed by a carry propagation adder.

58. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 56, wherein the carry save addition ~~and the carry propagation addition~~ is performed by an accumulator, and

wherein the carry propagation addition is performed by the accumulator.

59. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 56, further comprising: ~~the~~ step of

generating a switching signal.

60. (withdrawn—currently amended) The method of claim 59, further comprising:

switching between the carry save addition [[mode]] and the carry propagation addition [[mode]] using the switching signal.

61. (withdrawn—currently amended) A method of performing radix  $2^N$  Montgomery multiplication, where  $N > 1$ , comprising[[;]]:

receiving a multiplicand, a modulus, and a multiplier;

performing accumulation in a carry save mode on a plurality of inputs related to the multiplicand, modulus, and multiplier to generate a result in redundant representation; and

performing conversion in carry propagation mode on the result in redundant representation to generate a result in normal representation.